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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 18 November 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION 661 (1990) CONCERNING THE SITUATION BETWEEN IRAQ AND KUWAIT

3.30 p.m.*	163rd meeting (closed)	Conference Room 7

* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in Conference Room 7 immediately after the meeting. Following the oral briefing to the members, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press in the same room.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Informal consultations

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and all its sub-items conducted by H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa (Austria).

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.-1 p.m. — 19th meeting — Conference Room 2

Questions relating to information [89] (A/52/21, A/52/455 and Corr.1)

General debate

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. — informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on draft proposals A/C.2/ 52/L.18 (item 97 (e)), A/C.2/52/L.19 (item 98 (f)), A/C.2/52/L.20 (item 98 (d)) and A/C.2/52/L.21 (item 98 (c))

3 p.m.-6 p.m. — informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/ 52/L.13 (item 96 (b))

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. — 40th meeting — Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions [112] (A/52/3, A/52/116, A/52/173, A/52/254-S/1997/567, A/52/262, A/52/286-S/1997/647, A/52/301-S/1997/668, A/52/347, A/52/432, A/52/ 437, A/52/447-S/1997/775)

2. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [112 (b)] (A/52/468, A/52/469 and Add.1, A/52/473, A/52/474, A/52/475, A/52/483, A/52/489, A/52/494, A/52/498, A/52/548, A/52/567, A/52/477, A/52/6, A/52/66, A/52/81-S/1997/153, A/52/85-S/1997/180, A/52/117, A/52/125-S/1997/334, A/52/133-S/1997/348, A/52/134-S/1997/349, A/52/135, A/52/151, A/52/182, A/52/204, A/52/205)

3. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [112 (c)] (A/52/497, A/52/502, A/52/515, A/52/527, A/52/472, A/52/476, A/52/479, A/52/484, A/52/486/Add.1/Rev.1, A/52/490, A/52/493, A/52/496, A/52/499, A/52/505, A/52/506, A/52/510, A/52/522, A/52/583, A/52/587, A/52/61-S/1997/68, A/52/64, A/52/125-S/1997/334, A/52/170, A/C.3/52/2 and A/C.3/52/4)

4. Human rights questions: comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [112 (d)] (A/52/36, A/52/182)

5. Human rights questions: Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [112 (e)] (A/52/36, A/52/182)

Continuation of the general discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m. — 41st meeting — Conference Room 1

1. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [107]

Action on draft proposal A/C.3/52/L.26

2. Human rights questions [112] (A/52/3, A/52/116, A/52/173, A/52/254-S/1997/567, A/52/262, A/52/286-S/1997/647, A/52/301-S/1997/668, A/52/347, A/52/432, A/52/ 437, A/52/447-S/1997/775)

3. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [112 (b)] (A/52/468, A/52/469 and Add.1, A/52/473, A/52/474, A/52/475, A/52/483, A/52/489, A/52/494, A/52/498, A/52/548, A/52/567, A/52/477, A/52/6, A/52/66, A/52/81-S/1997/153, A/52/85-S/1997/180, A/52/117, A/52/125-S/1997/334, A/52/133-S/1997/348, A/52/134-S/1997/349, A/52/135, A/52/151, A/52/182, A/52/204, A/52/205)

4. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [112 (c)] (A/52/497, A/52/502, A/52/515, A/52/527, A/52/472, A/52/476, A/52/479, A/52/484, A/52/486/Add.1/Rev.1, A/52/490, A/52/493, A/52/496, A/52/499, A/52/505, A/52/506, A/52/510, A/52/522, A/52/583, A/52/587, A/52/61-S/1997/68, A/52/64, A/52/125-S/1997/334, A/52/170, A/C.3/52/2 and A/C.3/52/4)

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6. Human rights questions: Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [112 (e)] (A/52/36, A/52/182)

Continuation of the general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 119 (Pattern of conferences (A/52/32 and Corr.1 (Chinese only) and Add.1, A/51/946 and Corr.1 (Russian only), A/52/215 and Add.1, A/52/216 and Add.1, A/52/291, A/52/340 and Add.1 and A/C.5/52/CRP.1)) and 138 (Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (A/51/519/Add.5 and Corr.1 and A/52/546))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3

Informal consultations on agenda item 120 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment for the expenses of the United Nations (A/51/11 and Corr.1-2))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	31st meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law [145] (A/52/524)

United Nations Decade of International Law [146]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.6/52/L.12, L.5 and L.4/Rev.1

INFORMAL WORKING GROUP ON ARTICLE 50

Morning*	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

* Following the adjournment of the 31st meeting of the Sixth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the International Law Commission

Morning**- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law

* Following the adjournment of the meeting of the Informal Working Group.

** Following the adjournment of the informal consultations on the draft resolution on the International Law Commission.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

United Nations reform: measures and proposals (A/52/303)

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	633 Third Avenue (Room 27-96)
2.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	633 Third Avenue (Room 27-96)

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 18 November 1997

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77
(on the United Nations reform)

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES: WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

1 p.m.-5 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

GROUP OF 77 OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE
(on the scale of assessment and the programme budget)

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.8 and agenda item 100 (UNITAR))

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

ARAB GROUP OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

3.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations will be held on the draft resolution on agenda items 39 (b) and (c) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks; Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and fisheries by-catch and discards) *today*, 18 November 1997, at 3 p.m. Conference Room E.

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Briefing

The Commonwealth Secretary-General, H.E. Chief Emeka Anyaoku, will hold a briefing for the Permanent Representatives of Commonwealth Member States of the United Nations *today*, 18 November 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Informal meeting

Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (UNIKOM) will be held *today*, 18 November 1997, at 3.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Announcement

As from Monday, 3 November 1997, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 3.30 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 19 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 2

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	43rd meeting	Conference Room 4
Afternoon*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

* Following the adjournment of the 43rd meeting of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	42nd meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	43rd meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	31st meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 31st meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	32nd meeting	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 157 (United Nations reform: measures and proposals)

The 14th meeting of the Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 157 (United Nations reform: measures and proposals) will be held on Wednesday, 19 November 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider further recommendations 1 (Creation of the post of Deputy Secretary-General) and 14 (Account for Development) and, time permitting, other recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General (A/51/950).

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Informal meetings

Under the auspices of the Second Committee, the following executive briefings will be held:

Wednesday, 19 November 1997 from 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4: Mr. Kieran Prendergast, Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs, on "Peace building and development";

Thursday, 20 November 1997 from 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2: Mr. Yasushi Akashi, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, on "Humanitarian crises and development".

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 25 November 1997, at 11 a.m. sharp in Conference Room A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Informal presentation

The International Labour Organization Liaison Office in New York will hold a seminar on "The ILO and the Australian workplace" on Thursday, 20 November 1997, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The speaker will be Mr. Nick Ruskin, industrial relations lawyer.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 14 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 36th meeting

Human rights questions [112]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Human rights questions: comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(e) Human rights questions: Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee continued its general discussion of the sub-items.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Gabon, Italy, Cuba, Côte d'Ivoire, Nigeria, Malaysia, Germany, the United States, Costa Rica, Mexico, the Republic of Korea, Zambia and the Russian Federation, as well as by the observer for Palestine.

In the general debate, statements were made by the representatives of Tunisia and Ecuador.

37th meeting

Advancement of women [105]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.15/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Botswana, India, theSolomon Islands and Tajikistan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution and that Mauritania, Pakistan and Senegal had withdrawn as sponsors of the draft resolution. Subsequently, Barbados, Benin, Gabon, Guyana, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Malawi, Mali and Viet Nam joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Sudan, Iraq, Bahrain, Zambia and South Africa.

The representatives of Morocco, Oman, Mauritania, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Pakistan, the United Arab Emirates, Djibouti, Qatar and Jordan made statements in explanation of position on the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

Point of order

The representative of Morocco spoke on a point of order.

The Committee took note of documents A/52/38/Rev.1, A/52/337 and A/52/352.

The Committee concluded its consideration of agenda item 105.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [107]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft proposal A/C.3/52/L.27

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Lesotho, on behalf of the Group of African States, orally revised the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

*Action on draft proposal A/C.3/52/L.28**

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that the United Kingdom had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Austria, Belgium, Iceland, Ireland, the Netherlands and Spain joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Ukraine made a statement.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Azerbaijan.

*Action on draft proposal A/C.3/52/L.29**

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Finland orally revised the text.

It was announced that Argentina, Belarus, Brazil, Burundi, Chad, Gabon, the Marshall Islands, Nigeria and Tajikistan had joined as sponsors of the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Cameroon, Colombia, the Congo, Guinea, Israel, Micronesia, the Niger, Paraguay, Samoa, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkmenistan and Ukraine joined as sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Singapore and the United Republic of Tanzania.

Action on draft proposal A/C.3/52/L.30

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the oral revisions that had been made to the draft resolution at the time of its introduction.

It was announced that Albania, Angola, Argentina, Belarus, Botswana, Brazil, Burundi, Chad, the Congo, Egypt, Haiti, Jamaica, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, the Marshall Islands, Mongolia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Paraguay, the Republic of Korea, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Swaziland, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkey, Uruguay and Zambia had joined as sponsors of the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Andorra, Cameroon, Micronesia, Guinea, Iraq, Israel, Mauritania, the Niger, Samoa, San Marino, Senegal, Sudan, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkmenistan and Ukraine joined as sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [108]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.24

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Canada, Guyana, Jamaica, Liechtenstein, Panama and Tajikistan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Belarus, Cameroon, El Salvador, Malaysia, Mali, Nepal, Nicaragua, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia and Turkmenistan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Malta.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.25 and amendments contained in A/C.3/52/L.39

After a statement by the representative of the United Kingdom, the Committee agreed to postpone action on the draft proposal.

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [110]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.32

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Argentina, Australia, Spain and the United Kingdom joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of Slovenia orally revised the draft resolution.

Subsequently, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Luxembourg and Mali joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Right of peoples to self-determination [111]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C/3/52/L.33

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Ethiopia, Guinea, India, Iraq and the Niger joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of Nigeria further revised the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Egypt, Mali, the Sudan and Uganda joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

It was announced that a request had been made for a recorded vote on the draft resolution.

The representative of New Zealand spoke in explanation of vote before the vote.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 91 to 16, with 41 abstentions.

The representative of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia made a statement.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Iraq, Australia and Cuba.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.34

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Iraq, Mali and the Congo joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Pakistan made a statement.

Human rights questions: Implementation of human rights instruments [112 (a)]

Action on draft proposal A/C.3/52/L.35

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that the Dominican Republic had joined as a sponsor of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Action on draft proposal A/C.3/52/L.37

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Norway orally revised the draft resolution.

It was announced that Austria, Belarus, Greece, Lithuania, Malta and San Marino joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, El Salvador, Israel, Poland and Spain joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Human rights questions [112]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Human rights questions: comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(e) Human rights questions: Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee continued its general discussion of the sub-items.

The Chairman of the Working Group of the Third Committee made a statement.

A statement was made by the representative of Cuba.

Statements were made by the representatives of China and Indonesia.

Right of reply

The representative of the Sudan made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 28th and 29th meetings

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [152]

Statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ghana, Bahrain, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Botswana, Australia, Malta, India, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, the Russian Federation, Ethiopia, Egypt, Spain, Kuwait, Slovakia, Lebanon, Cuba, Mexico, Belarus, Uruguay, Jordan, Bangladesh, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the Sudan.

The representatives of Pakistan, Costa Rica, Cuba, the United States, Lebanon, Venezuela, Australia, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Netherlands spoke.

The Chairman made a statement.

Amendment to article 13 of the Statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal [155]

The Chairman of the Committee introduced and orally amended draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.11.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.11, as orally amended, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 155.

United Nations Decade of International Law [146]

The Chairman of the Working Group of the United Nations Decade on International Law reported on the results of the work of the Working Group.

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [151]

It was announced that the Philippines and Indonesia had joined the list of co-sponsors of draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.9.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION
Nineteenth session 8th meeting

Preparation and adoption of the report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session

The Rapporteur introduced the first part of the draft report contained in document A/AC.198/1997/L.1. Statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, Belarus, Brazil, China, Cuba, Egypt, Jamaica, the Netherlands, Pakistan and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Committee adopted by consensus draft resolutions A and B contained in documents A/AC.198/1997/L.2 and L.3.

Monday, 1 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 24th meeting

Note: The summary of the 24th meeting of the First Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1997/224).

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 18th meeting

Questions relating to information [89]

The Chairman drew attention to the reports of the Secretary-General contained in document A/52/455 and Corr.1, as well as to documents A/AC.198/1997/L.1/Rev.1 to A/AC.198/1997/L.3.

The representative of Belarus, Rapporteur of the Committee on Information, introduced the report of the Committee (A/AC.198/1997/L.1/Rev.1), as well as to the draft resolutions contained in documents A/AC.198/1997/L.2 and L.3, respectively.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Public Information made a statement.

The representative of UNESCO made a statement.

The Committee began its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Luxembourg (also on behalf of the European Union, as well as by the following Associated countries: Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Thailand and Lebanon.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate at 6 p.m. on the same day.

Organization of work

The Chairman announced that during the week of 24 November, the Committee would begin its consideration of the remaining items on the agenda, namely, item 86 (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees) and item 87 (Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories). Delegations were urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers as soon as possible.

SECOND COMMITTEE 42nd meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

(b) Trade and development

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.23, A/C.2/52/L.24 and A/C.2/52/L.26

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania introduced the draft resolutions on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Environment and sustainable development [98]

(b) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.22

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(c) Protection of the global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.21

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(d) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.20

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

After the representative of the United Republic of Tanzania informed the Committee that Mexico had been the original sponsor of the draft proposal, he introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China and Mexico.

(e) Convention of Biological Diversity

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.25

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

THIRD COMMITTEE 38th meeting

Human rights questions [112]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Human rights questions: comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(e) Human rights questions: Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee continued its general discussion of the sub-items.

The Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Iraq, Mr. Max van der Stoel, made a presentation.

The representatives of Iraq, Kuwait and the United States made statements in response to the presentation by the Special Rapporteur.

The Special Representative of the Commission on Human Rights on the Situation of Human Rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mr. Maurice Copithorne, made a presentation.

The Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Burundi, Mr. Paulo Sergio Pinheiro, made a presentation.

The representative of Burundi made a statement in response to the presentation by the Special Rapporteur.

Statements were made by the representatives of New Zealand (also on behalf of Australia and Canada), Cuba, Bangladesh, the Russian Federation, Ukraine, Thailand, Turkey, Kazakhstan and Kenya.

A statement was also made by the observer of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

39th meeting

Implementation of the Outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [106]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.42

The representative of Egypt introduced the draft resolution.

Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [109]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.40/Rev.1

The representative of Denmark, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Argentina and Turkmenistan, introduced the draft resolution.

Human rights questions: Implementation of human rights instruments [112 (a)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.36

The representative of Canada introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Argentina, Australia, Cameroon, Costa Rica, Denmark, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Japan, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, San Marino, Slovakia and Sweden.

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [108]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.25 and amendments contained in A/C.3/52/L.39

The representatives of the United Kingdom and the United States made statements.

In light of the statement by the representative of the United States, the amendments contained in document A/C.3/52/L.39 were withdrawn.

Subsequently, the Bahamas, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Morocco, Senegal, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of position.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

The Committee took note of documents A/52/348 an A/52/523.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 108.

Human rights questions [112]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Human rights questions: comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(e) Human rights questions: Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee continued its general discussion of the sub-items.

Statements were made by the representatives of Romania, Georgia, the Sudan, Cyprus, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Colombia, Argentina and Gabon.

Statements were also made by the representatives of UNESCO and the International Labour Organization.

Right of reply

Statements were made by the representatives of Turkey, Estonia, Iraq, the Sudan and Kuwait in the exercise of the right of reply.

Organization of work

The Committee was informed about the programme of work.

On Tuesday, 18 November, the Committee will take action on the draft proposal contained in document A/C.3/52/L.26, thus concluding its consideration of agenda item 107.

On Wednesday, 19 November, the Committee will take action on the draft proposals contained in documents A/C.3/52/L.5, L.31, L.36, L.38, L.40/Rev.1, L.41 and L.42, thus concluding its consideration of agenda items 103, 106, 109, 110, 111 and sub-item 112 (a).

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Corrigendum to the summary of the 29th meeting of the Third Committee (see *Journal* No. 1997/217, p. 10): the following text should be added at the end of the summary:

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [110]

Right of peoples to self-determination [111]

The Committee continued its general discussion and heard statements by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, India, Israel, Pakistan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Indonesia, Nigeria, Cuba, Argentina, Benin, Algeria and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

A statement was made by the observer for Palestine.

The Committee thus concluded its general debate on the items.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 30th meeting

Financial reports and audited financial statements and reports of the Board of Auditors [113] *(A/52/261, A/52/381 and A/52/518)*

(b) United Nations Institute for Training and Research (A/52/5/Add.4)

(c) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (A/52/5/Add.5)

The Committee resumed its general discussion of this agenda item and heard statements by the representatives of Canada (on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and Canada), Ghana, Pakistan and China.

The Chairman of the Board of Auditors made a concluding statement and responded to questions posed.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this agenda item would be conducted by Mr. Uldis Blukis (Latvia).

United Nations common system [121] *(A/52/30 and A/52/439)*

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item and heard a statement by the Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission who introduced the report of the Commission (A/52/30).

The President of the Federation of International Civil Servants' Association and the President of the Coordinating Committee for International Staff Unions and Associations of the United Nations System also made statements.

The representative of Paraguay (on behalf of the Rio Group) made a statement.

Human resources management [153] *(A/52/438, A/C.5/51/55 and Corr.1, A/52/7 paras. 107 to 112, A/C.5/52/2 and A/52/574)*

The Committee resumed its general discussion of this agenda item and heard a statement by the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management who also introduced the report of the Secretary-General on Amendments to Staff Rules (A/52/574) and responded to questions posed.

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, Jamaica, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Cyprus and Norway), Ethiopia, Saudi Arabia and Indonesia.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this agenda item, pending the introduction of the remaining documents. The Chairman then informed the Committee that informal consultations on this agenda item would be held under the chairmanship of Ambassador Nazareth Incera (Costa Rica), Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

The representative of Egypt made a statement.

Organization of work

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

The Chairman also made a statement.

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COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY 190th meeting

The Vice-Chairman spoke.

Election of the Chairman of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The Vice-Chairman spoke.

The Committee elected by consensus H.E. Mr. Sotirious Zackheos (Cyprus) as Chairman.

The Chairman made a statement.

The representatives of Costa Rica and the United States made statements.

Chairmanship of the Working Group on Indebtedness

The Chairman spoke.

The Committee appointed Mr. Christo Christov to head the Working Group on Indebtedness.

Statements were made by the representatives of Bulgaria, Costa Rica, the United States, Cyprus and Spain.

COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION
Nineteenth session 9th meeting

Preparation and adoption of the report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session

The Rapporteur introduced the revised first part of the draft report contained in document A/AC.198/1997/L.1/Rev.1. Statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, Egypt, Jamaica, the Netherlands, Pakistan and the Russian Federation. The Committee adopted its report, as orally amended.

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International Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE
Nineteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 1997

309th and 310th meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee considered the initial report of Cuba (CAT/C/32/Add.2).

In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report submitted by their Government and replied to questions raised and comments made by members of the Committee.

Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention [6]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item in closed session.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Seventeenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 1997

27th and 28th meetings

Adoption of the agenda [1]

The Committee adopted its provisional agenda as contained in document E/C.12/1997/5. It also adopted the programme of work for its session (E/C.12/1997/L.2).

Relations with United Nations organs and other treaty bodies [5]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights [3]

The Committee began and concluded the hearing of representatives of non-governmental organizations on the implementation of the International Covenant in a number of States parties.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Africa Industrialization Day

On the occasion of Africa Industrialization Day, the President of the General Assembly, Mr. Hennadiy Udovenko, and the Secretary-General, Mr. Kofi Annan, will address the General Assembly on Thursday, 20 November 1997, at 10 a.m.

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Summit

The first Summit on the Security and Independence of the International Civil Service will be held on Wednesday, 19 November 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. The event is organized by the United Nations Staff Council Standing Committee on the Security and Independence of the International Civil Service (CSIICS), a committee of the United Nations Staff Union.

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Training courses for permanent missions

The Information Technology Services Division (ITSD) will hold the second set of off-site Internet training course until Monday, 24 November 1997. The courses offered will be: Netscape 3.0; Intermediate Internet; Introduction to HTML; Intermediate HTML; and Creating a Website.

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